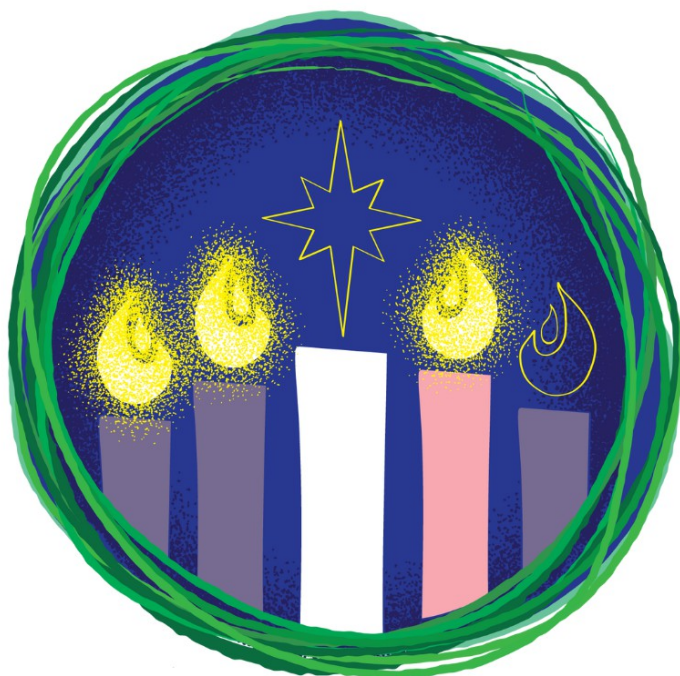


Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

December 14, 2025



JOY

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025 11:00 AM

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Christmas Joy Offering Jamie Dale

PRELUDE "Huron Carol" arr. Catherine McMichael
"Exultation on Forest Green" arr. Jason W. Krug

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear the words that bring peace from the Psalmist: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy;

Then, it was said among the nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has indeed done great things for us, and we rejoice!

*HYMN 104

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you,
how welcome you aright?

Your people long to greet you,
my hope, my heart's delight!

O kindle, Lord most holy,
a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly
all that may please you best.

2 Love caused your incarnation;
love brought you down to me;
your thirst for my salvation
procured my liberty.

O love beyond all telling,
that led you to embrace
in love, all loves excelling,
our lost and fallen race.

3 You come, O Lord, with gladness,
in mercy and goodwill,
to bring an end to sadness
and bid our fears be still.

In patient expectation
we live for that great day
when your renewed creation
your glory shall display.

CANDLE LIGHTING

PRAYER (unison)

Lord of all and Savior of each one, grant us Joy. The Joy that is contentment and delight, and the Joy that comes from the assurance you are at work in us, through us, and in spirit of us, because you so love the world. In this season of Joy, we watch and we wait, we marvel and we wonder. Come quickly. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE & JOY

*ADVENT RESPONSE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #88 Verse 3

*O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Children and youth of all ages are invited to come forward.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

ANTHEM “Jesus Christ, The Apple Tree” Arr. Simon Andrews

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.
His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but never can tell
The glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree.
For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure dearly I have
bought:
I missed of all; but now I see, Tis found in Christ the apple tree.
The fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the apple
tree. Amen

SECOND LESSON

Luke 1:45-55

SERMON

Rev Dr Laurie Furr-Vancini

***HYMN 611**

**“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
HYMN TO JOY**

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PREAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

Presentation of Jack Allison and Cadence Cowal for
Ordination and Installation as Ruling Elders
And Natalie Daugherty to Installation as Ruling Elder
Constitutional Questions
Questions to the Congregation
Laying on of Hands
Prayer

***HYMN 100**

**“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”
STAR OF COUNTY DOWN**

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

3 From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread; every mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. (Refrain)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

DISMISSAL

“Here We Come A-Wassailing”

HERE WE COME A-WASSAILING

Old English

1. Here we come a-wassailing among the leaves so green;
Here we come a-wand'ring so fair to be seen;
(chorus) Love and joy come to you
And to you your wassail too,
And God bless you, and send you a Happy New Year
And God send you a Happy New Year.
2. We are not daily beggars that beg from door to door;
But we are neighbors' children whom you have seen
before
(chorus)
3. We have got a little purse, Of stretching leather skin;
We want a little of your money To line it well within.
(chorus)
4. Bring us out a table and spread it with a cloth;
Bring us out mouldy cheese and some of your Christmas
loaf.
(chorus)
5. God bless the master of this house, likewise the mistress
too;
And all the little children that round the table go.
(chorus)

*Please rise in body and/or spirit

CHURCH STAFF

Laurie Furr-Vancini, Transitional Pastor

Ted Stewart, Director of Music

Andrew Tripp, Church Administrator

Leslie Sayyar and Brent Roberts, Treasurers

Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

Liturgists: Barbara & Larry Griswold, Donna Eagle Joslin

Elder of the Day: Don Collins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS If you are worshipping here for the first time today, welcome! We are glad to have you with us. Please fill out a visitor information card, located on the right as you enter the chapel, and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERING Plates are just inside the doors to the chapel as you enter and exit. Our gifts take many forms: open-hearted presence here, voices lifted in song, the prayers that rise in us, the material gifts we share with neighbors, and our willingness to live in a world as allies and advocates for those whose needs are overlooked. The monies we bring symbolize the offering of our lives in all circumstances. A separate labeled basket is available each week to receive Our Daily Change offerings.

COMMUNITY JOYS AND CONCERNS: If you would like to add or update a prayer request, please contact the church office.

We celebrate: The Handbell Choir for today's prelude

We remember in prayer: The family of Howard Boswell (Warren Wilson College class of 1980) on his death November 17 ° Jackie Wintle

at home recovering from pneumonia ° Natalie Daugherty as she waits to hear next steps on her health journey

END OF YEAR GIVING If you plan to make a year-end gift, please note these deadlines: To have your gifts counted as a 2025 donation, you must postmark your checks (or deliver them to the church) by December 31. For online gifts, the Presbyterian Foundation must process the payment by December 31. Thanks be to God for all you have done, are doing, and will do for the ministry of Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church.

HELPERS NEEDED to assist the **Habitat for Humanity** construction crew build House of Faith #5 in West Asheville. We have half day (8:15 - noon) shifts reserved on the volunteer calendar for Friday, Jan. 16 and Feb. 27, and full day shifts (8:15 - 3) on Saturday, Jan. 24, Feb. 7 and Feb. 28. Work will be indoors in heated spaces, or outdoors if weather permits. No experience is needed, only a willingness to help. Contact Larry Griswold if you have questions or to sign up.

WASSAIL Here we go a wassailing! Join us in the narthex after worship for Wassail.

NAMETAGS It's time again to update our nametags for Sunday mornings. If you don't have a nametag or yours needs refreshing, please sign up in the narthex.

COMMUNITY YOGA This class is open to anyone and meets Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 AM in the downstairs youth room of the Education Building

TAI CHI/QIGONG PRACTICE CLASS Mondays, 2:30 PM, in the WWPC Lower Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTMAS EVE Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship service will be at 7:00 PM on December 24 in the Chapel.

POINSETTIAS The poinsettias in the chapel are here to help celebrate the Christmas season, and can be taken home following the Christmas Eve service. They have been given:

In Memory of:

John & Flora Bishop by John Bishop & Brent Roberts

George & Anne Collins by Janice Collins & James Storey

Will & Nancy Dale by Anne & Jamie Dale

Our Parents by Anne & Jamie Dale

Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Daugherty, Sr. by Derron and Susan Daugherty

Elva Hardy by Patrick and Patricia Hardy

Robert Hardy by Patrick and Patricia Hardy

Emmy Lou & Fitz Legerton by Winn Legerton

Mike Levi by Alisa B White

Joanne Lincoln by Alisa B White

Kathe Mosher by Alisa B White

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Orthel by Derron & Susan Daugherty

Harry & Louise Roberts by John Bishop & Brent Roberts

My husband, John by Catherine Showalter

Ray Stock by Alisa B White

George & Irene Storey by Janice Collins & James Storey

Dr. Steven A Williams by Alisa B White

Dr. Steve Williams by Patsy Agee & Ed Williams

Steve Williams by Betty Siviter

Al Wilson by Patricia Hardy

John J Young, Sr. by Winn Legerton

In Honor of:

Pat Crumpler by Betty Siviter

Elinor & Sarah Dale-Schmidt by Anne & Jamie Dale

Laurie Furr-Vancini by Anonymous

John & Susan Laney by Alisa B White

Chrisann Ohler & The Centennial Committee by Mary Wheeler

Ross & Mallory by Barbara & Larry Griswold

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*At Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church we are mothers and fathers,
single and married, gay and straight, young and old, black and white,
prosperous and poor, uncertain and sure, broken and whole – and
everything in between. Together we are the many faces of humanity,
yet as a joyful, caring, and loving community of faith,
we are one in Christ!*